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Dear Sirs;

I am writing in regards to the plight of many of us that are and have been on long term unemployment. This is certainly not by choice on my part. I was a blue collar worker with an automotive supplier in Michigan. I was laid off in June off 2008, and have left a decent life for a miserable unsustainable life at present. I immediately lost my health benefits and have a wife with heart disease unable to see a doctor in 2 years. Day by day I watch her health deteriorate but cannot get Medicaid so the stress is very real for me and my family. I am about to loose her home she has lived in since birth 52 years ago and have a nine year old son that cries at night because he may have to leave the only home he has ever known. The struggle can be unbearable at times and I have put in 1200 resumes within a 6 month time period and have gone to 40 places of business in the last month to plead for a job to no avail. When I have been lucky enough to get an interview (3 so far), there are so many people competing for the same minimum wage pay, that I feel dread and hope at the same time. I know Im not here by choice. I valued my job and benefits and would give anything to be able to properly provide for my family. We are called the 99ers I hear. We fall off the unemployment scale and it looks as though unemployment is getting better, but its just that we don't count anymore when we end the tiers of pay. What will happen to us and our families without extened tiers or job creations. There are many of us. Thousands soon if not already, that will not have money, homes, or any means in which to provide for themself and their families. We need help and we need it soon or the crisis will be enormous.

Thank you,
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